Docket # 4493-36A

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In re Application of

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For:

A Method of Determining Down-Regulation of

the Expression of HIV Coreceptor, CCR5 With

Product R

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

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In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, line 17, please insert / The chemical nature of Product R is described in U.S.

patent application Serial No. 09/344,095, which is incorporated by reference herein in its

after "nucleosides.", and delete "Although little is known about the

chemical nature of Product R, its".